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In view of the divided condition of opinion among the local representatives of the labor movement with reference to the continuance of the street car strike, we think that the men who want to return to work should now proceed to do so.

Akin to Grand Larceny.

TWO YEARS ago a combination of a number of small properties was formed into the National Asphalt company, with a stock capitalization of \$2,000,000 and a bonded debt of \$6,000,000.

An investigation of the affairs of this company made by the Audit company of New York at the instance of its bondholders reveals that the National Asphalt company, at the time that it was representing its affairs to be exceptionally prosperous, and on that basis, was disposing of large quantities of stock, was, in fact, earning only about 16 per cent. of its fixed charges.

The foregoing representations of fact which we condense from the New York Sun, and which are approximately if not literally true, illustrate what the American people have to fear in consequence of the recent excessive tendency toward consolidations.

The Commissioner of Pensions.

FROM AN IDEAL standpoint, the indefinite retention in the office of commissioner of pensions of General Evans would be the logical consequence of the approval of his policy by the president, an approval which Theodore Roosevelt unreservedly gives.

Mr. Evans, himself a gallant veteran, who did simply what his interpretation of the laws of congress required him to do. It is sufficient to damn any Union veteran who undertakes it with a firm determination to do neither more nor less than his duty as he sees it.

In the case of General Evans, it is neither a furlough nor a discharge, but a promotion, to be offered as public proof of the confidence and appreciation of his immediate official superiors, who know what he has had to go through, and who know how bravely he went through it.

The latest gubernatorial boomlet is that of Senator Focht. It looks ahead to 1906. That is a long way off as politics goes; but the Republicans of Pennsylvania might go further and fare worse.

A Tax on News.

THE WHITE paper used in printing newspapers, as most persons know, is largely composed of wood ground into a pulp. The present tariff on bleached wood pulp is one-quarter of a cent a pound.

Immediately after the tariff on wood pulp was doubled by the Dingley bill and a tariff placed on news print paper, there was formed a corporation known as the International Paper company.

Wood pulp is made from spruce logs. The limit of spruce timber available in the United States for purposes of newspaper manufacture is in slight; but Canada has any amount of it, standing in forests many of which are virgin to the foot of man.

Calming Down.

IT IS GRATIFYING to note signs of a happier feeling in the railway world over the determination of the interstate commerce commission, backed by the president, to secure a better observance of the Interstate commerce law, or know the reason why.

Her Destination.

The elevator attendant at one of the big stores is used to all sorts and conditions of men, and all kinds of queer requests, but he was almost floored the other day by a little old Irishman.

MOTHER LOVE.

There's an eye that's never weary As it looks with rapturous pride, 'Tis the eye of the young mother.

CRANE'S.

"WHERE THE LADIES GO." SPECIAL FOR ONE WEEK. LADIES' SILK WAISTS OF TAFFETA AND PEAU DE SOIE.

W. E. Co.'s Slag Roofing is the Best Roofing.

promise. The fact that a corporation like the Pennsylvania Railroad company, the largest and best managed of its kind in the world, sees nothing to dread in what the interstate commerce commission, under the direction of the president, is striving to do in enforcement of the federal power to regulate commerce between the states, should reassure the smaller fry of railway corporations, should any feel aggrieved because the public interest in the management of their properties is being effectively asserted.

The reluctance displayed by the pardon board of late in the matter of interfering with the course of justice towards criminals is commendable. The difficulty in bringing offenders to punishment in this state is, as a rule, so great that the services of a pardon board are seldom necessary to prevent miscarriages of justice.

In Russia editors are sometimes princes, and one of them, Prince Mestchersky, says it is not the czar who makes Russian opinion, but Russian opinion which makes the czar. More and more this thought is becoming true of governments everywhere. We are in the democratic age.

King Alfonso's coronation will probably be lacking in splendor as compared to that of Edward the VII., but the slaughter of beef on the hoof will furnish excitement sufficient to keep the Castilian blood at a proper patriotic temperature in the vicinity of the bull rings.

Bulgaria's exhibition of bad taste in turning out the American consul general who was active in behalf of Miss Stone, appears like a confirmation of the idea that brigandage may be one of the recognized industries of that country.

Taking inventory of the small consequences, Count von Waldsee is doubtless sorry that General Miles was unsuccessful in achieving command of the allied armies in China.

The number of New Yorkers and others who are sure they could improve on the doings of Mayor Low is increasing steadily. Fusion is ripening into confusion.

News from the Buckeye state indicates that Senator Hackett, a presidential candidate, will find himself in the center of a presidential boom whether he desires the honor or not.

By all accounts, a few thousand Miles bath tubs, as aids to pacification in the Philippines, would not come amiss.

Caplain Christmas had nothing but promises for the stockings of American statesmen after all.

PLEASE KISS THE BEARER.

The Rev. Dr. John Henry Barrows, president of Oberlin college, who formerly preached to a Chicago congregation, is a little story concerning an experience of his own that may be worth passing along.

The doctor fitted up a workroom on the third floor of his home, where he and the stenographer talked had, day after day, undisturbedly called and well away from the noises of the streets.

"Well," said Mrs. Barrows, "it is very nice for you to remember father. How would it do for me to write a valentine for him and let you take it up?"

"Please kiss the bearer." This she placed in an envelope, which was properly sealed and addressed to the doctor. The boy started upstairs with his valentine, but he had been running a good deal during the morning and his legs were weary.

She took the envelope, gave the child a pat on the cheek and ran to her upstairs, where, prompted by feminine curiosity—she valued while Dr. Barrows opened his valentine and read, in his wife's handwriting.

Here is where Dr. Barrows always cuts the story off.—Chicago Record-Herald.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S RIGHT HAND HELPER

Washington Correspondence St. Louis Mirror. PERHAPS there never was a man, who figured in the official history of Washington, so constantly under the lime light of publicity, whose duty it was to meet so many public men, officials and newspaper correspondents and who was so universally respected, admired and loved as is George Cortelyou.

George B. Cortelyou was intended by nature for the position he holds today and that assertion will be corroborated by every newspaper correspondent in the capital. He is the perfect personification of sanity and ease of manner. He never loses his head, he never gets "rattled," he never says or does the wrong thing. He is always courteous, always kind and obliging, but the incarnation of loyalty to his chief, and a glutton for work.

Long before the resignation of the late John Addison Porter, as the secretary to the president, Mr. Cortelyou, as his assistant, came near acting as a buffer for Mr. Porter, who was an accomplished gentleman though unfitted for the position. Many a time, owing to the un diplomatic knowledge of the executive, Mr. Cortelyou, by his tact, kept Mr. Porter from being a victim of the press.

THE NEW BUGABOO OF ANTI-IMPERIALISM

THE Democracy, and especially the southern type, since the acquisitions resulting from the Spanish-American war, are very much alarmed at what they term a tendency on the part of our government to imperialism.

He Developed an Affirmation. It is not generally known that Mr. Cortelyou is an accomplished musician, a musical critic and a musical student. He is all of these and more. He is a genial, kind, intellectual, manly man.

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Men's "Always" Busy Ox-fords, \$3.00 Ladies' "Melba" Ox-fords, \$2.50.

Lewis & Reilly, 114-116 Wyoming Avenue.

Office Desks and Office Furniture.

New and Complete Assortment. Being the LARGEST FURNITURE DEALERS IN SCRANTON.

Office Desks and Office Furniture. We carry the greatest assortment of up-to-date Office Furniture.

Hill & Connell, 121 Washington Avenue.

The Greatest of All Educational Contests OVER \$7500 IN SPECIAL REWARDS

The Scranton Tribune will open on May 5 its third great Educational Contest. Like the others, which proved so profitable to the contestants during the past two years, this will be open to young people, not only of Scranton, but throughout Lackawanna and other counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Twenty-five Scholarships in some of the leading educational institutions in the country.

Table listing 25 scholarships with amounts ranging from \$1,700 to \$150. Includes institutions like Washington School for Boys, Syracuse University, etc.

It is expected that several other important scholarships will be added to this list before the opening day, and these will be announced as fast as agreements are reached.

Each contestant failing to secure one of the scholarships as a special reward will receive ten per cent of all the money he or she secures for The Tribune during the contest.

Special Honor Prizes.

A new feature is to be added this year. Special honor prizes will be given to those securing the largest number of points each month. Just what the prizes will be are to be announced later, but they will consist of valuable and useful presents, such as watches, books, etc.

The best explanation of the plan of The Tribune's Educational Contest will be found in the rules, which are here given:

RULES OF THE CONTEST. The special rewards will be given to the person securing the largest number of points. Points will be credited to contestants securing new subscribers to The Scranton Tribune as follows:

Those desiring to enter the Contest should send in their names at once, and they will be the first to receive the book of instructions and canvasser's outfit when the contest opens on May 5.

Address all communications to CONTEST EDITOR, Scranton Tribune, Scranton, Pa.

For Wedding Gifts, Silverware, Cut Glass, Clocks and Fine China. Mercereau & Connell, 132 Wyoming Avenue.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF SCRANTON. Capital, \$200,000 Surplus, \$550,000. Pays 3% interest on savings accounts whether large or small.

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Do You Want a Good Education? Not a short course, nor an easy course, nor a cheap course, but the best education to be had. No other education is worth spending time and money on. Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.

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